

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Aleutians West Census Area



The Aleutians West Census Area contains the many islands of the western Aleutian chain. Dutch Harbor, (also known as Unalaska), is located on Unalaska Island and is the center of the Census area's population and economic activity, which is based on commercial fishing and seafood processing. It is the largest fishing port in the United States in terms of volume, and second largest in terms of value. Seafood processing jobs often account for well over half of the borough's private sector wage and salary employment.

- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 4,439, a loss of about 1,026 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 82 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Manufacturing was the main industry in 2008, employing 34 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers than any other occupation.

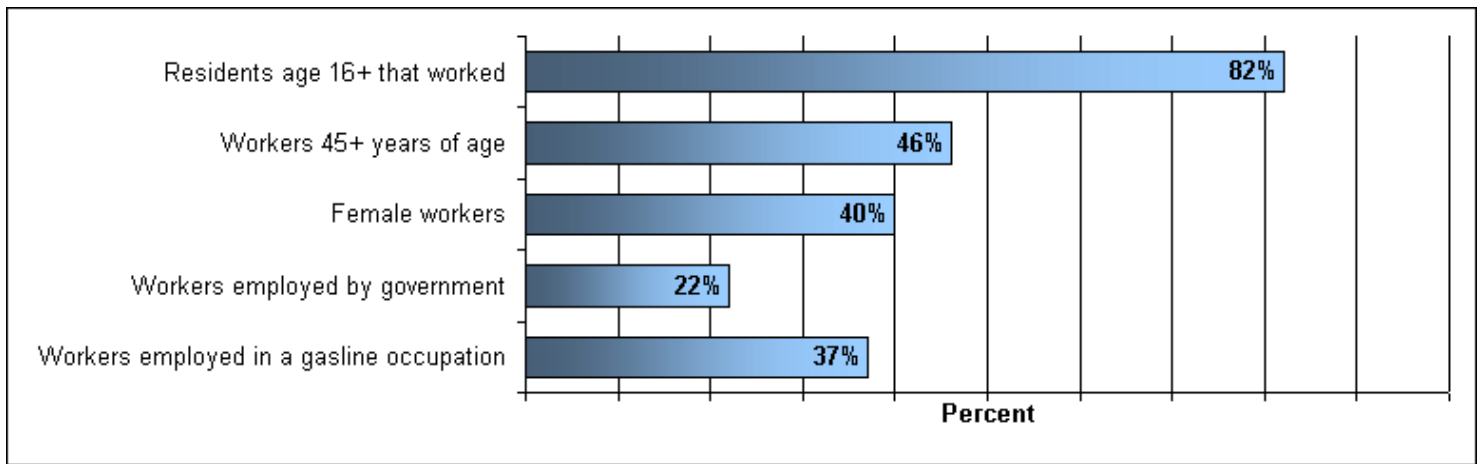
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Aleutians West Census Area Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	2,276	Total wages	\$71,986,131
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	1,858	Private	1,449
Male	1,104	State government	34
Female	745	Local government	375
Age 45+	850	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	566	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	1,710
		Percent working all 4 quarters	74.9%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	406	Some construction	220
		At least 1 year construction	99
		At least 2 years construction	29
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	1,243
New hires	448		

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2008 Residents

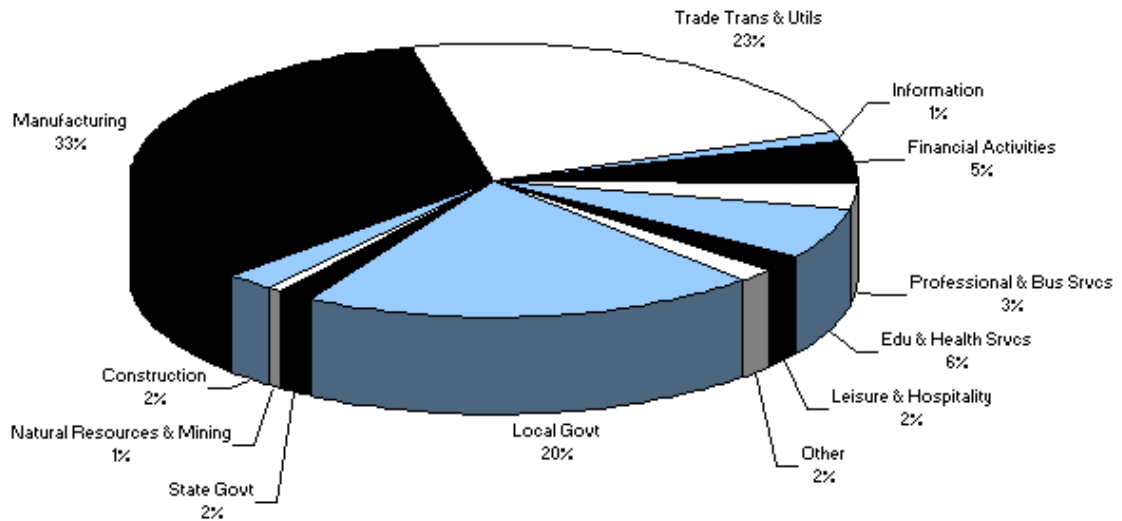


Top Occupations

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	361	32.3%	134	11.0%	73.7%
Material Moving Workers, All Other	130	15.4%	46	8.6%	29.5%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	65	9.4%	12	10.8%	48.2%
Helpers--Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers AGIA	45	0.0%	18	11.7%	27.3%
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	42	64.3%	18	10.9%	38.0%
Office Clerks, General AGIA	39	79.5%	14	11.4%	14.3%
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	39	89.7%	5	6.7%	4.4%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	37	83.8%	9	4.8%	20.6%
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers AGIA	36	22.2%	14	2.2%	59.8%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	35	11.4%	14	4.5%	27.3%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	34	82.4%	4	14.3%	5.7%
General and Operations Managers	31	38.7%	16	18.6%	14.0%
Sales and Related Workers, All Other	28	70.4%	2	6.7%	20.0%
Cashiers	28	77.8%	4	7.5%	15.0%
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	26	3.8%	6	34.9%	15.9%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	23	34.8%	13	12.1%	21.2%
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers AGIA	22	31.8%	4	12.9%	32.3%
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	22	4.5%	7	26.3%	21.1%
Food Preparation Workers AGIA	21	66.7%	5	2.9%	29.4%
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	20	10.0%	4	38.1%	27.0%

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	10	20.0%	1	42.9%	42.9%
Construction	39	15.4%	6	37.9%	44.0%
Manufacturing	624	31.1%	226	9.1%	73.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	424	31.8%	106	8.5%	32.3%
Information	19	42.1%	2	13.2%	28.9%
Financial Activities	95	46.3%	32	17.5%	15.1%
Professional and Business Services	54	59.3%	11	47.6%	34.5%
Educational and Health Services	117	76.9%	42	25.2%	37.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	36	77.8%	4	21.6%	29.4%
State Government	34	44.1%	10	14.9%	2.1%
Local Government	375	49.3%	115	8.6%	11.9%
Other	30	30.0%	10	18.8%	18.8%

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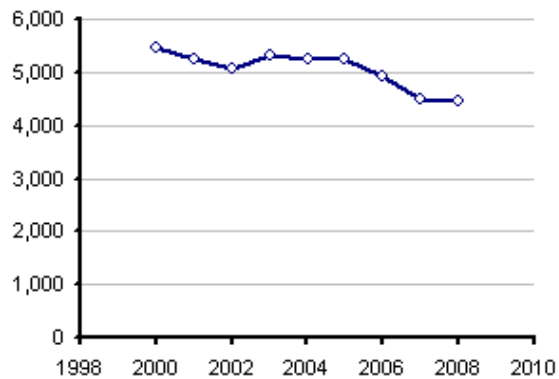
Recent Unemployment Statistics				
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	101	232	252	236
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	4.1%	9.6%	14.6%	8.3%

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Unisea Inc
Unalaska City of
Westward Seafood Inc
Horizon Lines of Alaska LLC
Unalaska School District
Pacific Stevedoring Inc
Alyeska Seafoods Inc
St Paul City of
Aleutian Pribilof Is Assn Inc
Amer President Lines Ltd

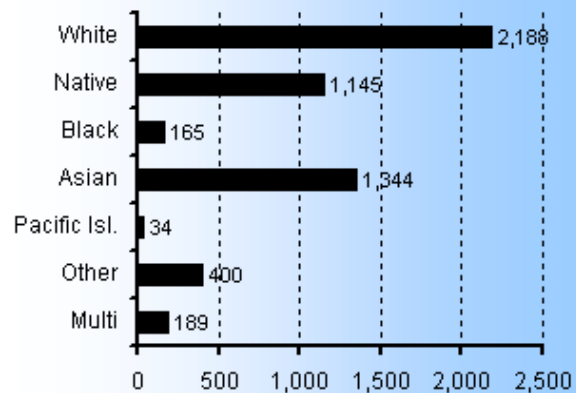
Population over Time



2000 Census

Median Age	36.1
Average Family Size	3.3
Average Household Size	2.5
Per Capita Income	\$24,037
Median Family Income	\$72,500
Median Household Income	\$61,406

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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